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2618th MEETING

Held in New York on Wednesday, 9 October 1985, at 5.30 p.m.

President: Mr. Vernon A. WALTERS
(United States of America).

Present: The representatives of the following States: Australia, Burkina Faso, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, India, Madagascar, Peru, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2618)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The Middle East problem including the Palestinian question:
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The meeting was called to order at 5.50 p.m.

Statement by the President

1. The PRESIDENT: At the outset of the meeting, I wish to state that I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council [*S/17554*]:

"The members of the Security Council welcome the news of the release of the passengers and the crew of the cruise ship *Achille Lauro* and deplore the reported death of a passenger.

"They endorse the General Assembly's statement of 8 October 1985, which condemns all acts of terrorism.

"They resolutely condemn this unjustifiable and criminal hijacking as well as other acts of terrorism, including hostage-taking.

"They also condemn terrorism in all its forms, wherever and by whomever committed."

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The Middle East problem including the Palestinian question:
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2. The PRESIDENT: In view of the lateness of the hour, it is my intention to adjourn the meeting now.

The meeting rose at 5.55 p.m.

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